

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2418, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. DEGETTE OF COLORADO**

Page 8, strike lines 11 through 14 and insert the following:

1           “(10) The Network shall recognize the dif-  
2           ferences in health and in organ transplantation  
3           issues between children and adults throughout the  
4           system and adopt criteria, policies, and procedures  
5           that address the unique health care needs of chil-  
6           dren.

Page 29, line 18, redesignate section 8 as section 9  
and insert after line 17 the following:

7   **SEC. 7. STUDY REGARDING IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUGS.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
9   Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-  
10   retary”) shall provide for a study to determine the costs  
11   of immunosuppressive drugs that are provided to children  
12   pursuant to organ transplants and to determine the extent  
13   to which health plans and health insurance cover such  
14   costs. The Secretary may carry out the study directly or  
15   through a grant to the Institute of Medicine (or other pub-  
16   lic or nonprofit private entity).

17          (b) RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN  
18   ISSUES.—The Secretary shall ensure that, in addition to

1 making determinations under subsection (a), the study  
2 under such subsection makes recommendations regarding  
3 the following issues:

4 (1) The costs of immunosuppressive drugs that  
5 are provided to children pursuant to organ trans-  
6 plants and to determine the extent to which health  
7 plans, health insurance and government programs  
8 cover such costs.

9 (2) The extent of denial of organs to be re-  
10 leased for transplant by coroners and medical exam-  
11 iners.

12 (3) The special growth and developmental  
13 issues that children have pre- and post- organ trans-  
14 plantation.

15 (4) Other issues that are particular to the spe-  
16 cial health and transplantation needs of children.

17 (c) REPORT.—The Secretary shall ensure that, not  
18 later than December 31, 2000, the study under subsection  
19 (a) is completed and a report describing the findings of  
20 the study is submitted to the Congress.